

**Quarterly Issues Report**  
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## **AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE**

In the first quarter of 2011 the Greater Lafayette area saw and new CVS open its doors. After a devastating fire, a Clinton County based company vows to reopen its doors. Also, a number of old buildings are torn down to make room for new development and a drug treatment center in Flora celebrates its one year anniversary. One of the biggest stories of the New Year was state funding for abortions. A bill at the statehouse could cut all funding for agencies that provide abortion services.

**1-23-11 (Story Aired during Morning broadcast – Duration :40)**

The 18th Street CVS in Lafayette is now open for business. Around fourteen homes were demolished to make way for the store. CVS District Manager Michael Murphy says the new store will hopefully help revitalize the area around 18th street.

**1-27-11 (Story Aired during Noon broadcast - Duration 1:00)**

Fire crews and business owners are picking up the pieces after fire sparked in West Lebanon last night. The Warren County town of West Lebanon is reeling after fire guts a number of downtown shops.

**1-29-11 (Story Aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :45)**

A downtown Lafayette business is celebrating a milestone. Peaceful Greens invited the community to join its one-year anniversary party today. The restaurant serves only locally produced food and ingredients. Employees say all the dishes are made from scratch.

**2-10-11 (Story Aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 2:30)**

White County was fifth in the nation in popcorn production in 2007. And the top three counties in the state for corn growth in 2009 were White, Benton, and Jasper Counties. Agriculture is big business to these and almost every county in our area, and farmers are always looking for ways to keep prices low and profits high. Chief Meteorologist Chad Evans joins us now with details on how some Purdue research is showing how wind farms could actually help the crops around them.

**2-16-11 (Story Aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

NewsChannel 18 has been following several statehouse bills concerning abortion. There are close to 15 bills in the Indiana Senate and House about abortion set for hearings in this legislative session. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports, one House bill that received a hearing today is attempting to stop state and federal funds to all agencies that provide abortion services.

**2-21-11 (Story Aired during 11 pm broadcast - Duration 2:00)**

A controversial employment bill drew Indiana union workers from near and far. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports, if it becomes law, it would make it illegal for all employers to require Union participation from employees.

**2-23-11 (Story Aired during Noon broadcast – Duration :50)**

A local organization wants your donation...even if it's just pennies. A fundraising effort for Lafayette Family Services is a little short of its goal at the halfway point. Add them all up, and 35 local business and schools, like Earhart Elementary School in Lafayette have chipped in. Earhart's goal is to raise 500 pounds of pennies - kindergarten through 5th grade.

**3-19-11 (Story Aired during 5 pm broadcast – Duration :40)**

With warmer weather comes another year for Mosey Down Main Street festivals. The Spring Fling Mosey kicked in downtown Lafayette over the weekend. Bars and restaurants are cranked up the volume and MOSEY-ers relaxed while sampling local food, drink and music. Mosey co-founder Steve Bultinck says the Moseys are bringing people downtown and business owners are starting to notice.

**3-21-11 (Story Aired during Morning broadcast – Duration :45)**

Today you can get a sneak peak at farming predictions for this year during the Farm Clinic 2011 and Outlook. It will be a summit featuring four different seminars focusing on plant pathology, precision planting and commodities trading.

**3-23-11 (Story Aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:10)**

A Clinton County family business looks to reopen this spring after being destroyed during the winter by fire. This Old Farm Organic meat processing plant wants to be operational by June. The owners of This Old Farm in Colfax are very optimistic that construction will be complete on the processing plant by June first.

**3-24-11 (Story Aired during Noon broadcast – Duration :45)**

March is Colon Cancer Awareness month. The thought of a colonoscopy can make people a little squeamish, but doctors say the test can save lives and stop colon cancer before it starts. During a colonoscopy, doctors can find and remove polyps that could turn into cancer. Unity Healthcare Doctor Thomas Summer says when colon cancer is found early, there is an over 90 percent cure rate.

**3-26-11 (Story Aired on during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:40)**

A recovery home in Flora is celebrating its one-year anniversary. As NewsChannel 18's Ava Wilhite explains, running a business that helps people recover from drug addiction is a hard road for all.

**3-29-11 (Story Aired on during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:10)**

Expect to see some changes to the West Lafayette cityscape in the coming months. Get ready for a variety of changes. One building has been torn down, while another developer plans to build more buildings elsewhere. And across town, city officials hope businesses will take advantage of the departure of a major chain.

## **CRIME**

Crime numbers were up in the NewsChannel 18 viewing area in the first quarter. There were several drug busts January through March, including marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. There were also some “unique” arrests in the first quarter, including a robotics coach busted for having child pornography, a former Purdue Football player busted for assault, and two boys who allegedly beat up a mall security guard.

**1-13-11 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration :45)**

Now an update to a story NewsChannel 18 brought you last month. Lafayette Police have arrested a suspect in the burglaries that took place in the Commons and Landings subdivision on Lafayette's south side. Police say a male juvenile was arrested at his home on charges of burglary. Two juveniles are suspected in this crime that happened the morning of December 22nd. Police say the burglars broke into two homes, unwrapped gifts from under the tree, and took what they wanted.

**1-13-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast - Duration :50)**

A 15-year-old arrested for murder will have his first court appearance in Cass County this afternoon. Chief Deputy prosecutor Lisa Swaim says the teen will have a detention hearing in circuit court at two-o'clock today. Police chief A.J. Rozzi says the teen was arrested after he allegedly stabbed someone during an altercation. The victim, 19-year-old Zachery Franklin from Logansport died from his stab wound.

**1-26-11 (Story aired during Noon broadcast - Duration :45)**

Improper license plates could mean drug charges for a Purdue University student. Purdue police arrested Adam Vanwaeyenberghe, a senior from Bremen, on suspicion of multiple drug charges. This after he was pulled over for improper display of license plates. Vanwaeyenberghe faces a long list of drug charges...including possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school and possession with intent to deal cocaine.

**1-31-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration :40)**

Former Purdue football player has been arrested on suspicion of battery resulting in bodily injury, according to West Lafayette Police. Cortez Smith was arrested on January 26th after accusations that the former Boilermaker wide receiver punched another person.

**2-10-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration :50)**

Two boys have been arrested after allegedly assaulting a Tippecanoe Mall security guard. Lafayette Police Sgt. Jay Rosen says a large group of teens was blocking a walkway near the Sears entrance yesterday evening. A 52-year-old security guard approached the group and asked them to move, but the teens refused, the security guard asked them to leave again, and that's when police say the guard was punched in the head.

**2-23-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :50)**

An extra-curricular coach at West Lafayette High School has been charged with distribution of child pornography. 27-year-old Carl Ross Agnew of Lafayette is one of two coaches for the West Side robotics team. Agnew was charged as a result of a September 2010 investigation by an FBI Special Agent.

**3-14-2011 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration :35)**

Two people from Lafayette have been arrested...for allegedly making meth in their house. According to Lafayette Police, 32-year-old Adam Blankenship and 25-year-old Melanie Ann Jones were arrested Saturday night for manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance.

**3-15-2011 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast – Duration :40)**

A drug bust in Frankfort nets nearly 2-hundred marijuana plants. Indiana State Police Sergeant Kim Riley says 28-year-old Michael Nekolite was arrested at 907 East Boone Street in Frankfort. Officers found 192 marijuana plants inside the residence Monday afternoon.

**3-18-2011 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast – Duration :35)**

Lafayette police have a former fugitive in custody. According to Lafayette Police Lieutenant Brad Hayworth, 37-year-old Keith Clifford Graham was arrested last night. Police say Graham was arrested for robbery and theft of a downtown Lafayette convenience store in March 2008. Graham was featured on NewsChannel 18's Fugitive Search earlier this month.

**3-27-11 (Story aired during Sunday broadcast – Duration :50)**

Three people are in police custody tonight, after a police officer found a meth lab in a Lafayette garage. According to Lafayette Police Sergeant Jeff Clark, 25-year-old David James Greer was arrested for dealing in methamphetamine, possession of meth and resisting law enforcement last night. 27-year-old Erin Brown and 35-year-old Marshall Dulin were also arrested for dealing in meth and maintaining a common nuisance.

## **DIVERSITY**

NewsChannel 18 continued to highlight diversity efforts in the first quarter. Purdue students gave up their long weekend to serve others on Martin Luther King, Junior Day. Also during the first quarter, NewsChannel 18 highlighted the of YWCA's Cancer Program. That program served 2,300 women in 2010, NewsChannel 18 showed how the group planned to expand the program. Finally, professionals from the Greater Lafayette area and all walks of life came together to discuss the diversity climate in the community. We showcased what was being done to accept everyone.



**1-17-11 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

Thanks to Martin Luther King, Junior Day, it was a holiday weekend on Purdue's campus. A large portion of campus was more like a ghost-town than a university today. As NewsChannel 18's Joe LePage shows us, there was one building that was packed...with volunteers.

**2-5-11 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration :45)**

It was a packed house at the Hanna Center's annual Ebony and Ivory ball. The black tie affair included food, live entertainment and silent and live auctions. Executive Director Dewayne Moffitt says the money raised Saturday night will go toward year round programs at the Hanna Center. Decades ago, the ball raised money for the African American community, and was a way to bring black and white people together.

**2-12-11 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration 2:00)**

The results of the 2010 census are still being digested in towns and cities across the nation. Here in Tippecanoe County the population is up, but in surrounding counties population is down. The 2010 census report in Indiana is showing several counties in the viewing area that are steadily losing population every ten years but some counties are still growing.

**2-18-11 (Story aired during Noon broadcast – Duration :50)**

Some of the most influential and inspiring women in Greater Lafayette are being honored. The YWCA will highlight the achievements of seven local women at the annual Salute to Women banquet. The ladies were nominated by their peers for their achievements and involvement in the community.

**3-8-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast - Duration :45)**

The Hanna Community Center, and the YWCA are teaming up to form a children's swim program. This program is being created in the spirit of Josh's Project, a Toledo, Ohio program that raises funds to help provide low-cost swimming lessons to kids who would not normally have that opportunity.

**3-15-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast - Duration 1:00)**

The YWCA Women's Cancer Program served 23-hundred women in 2010 and they are on track to serve even more in 2011. The program provides breast and cervical cancer screenings as well as treatment for underserved and uninsured women in the community.

**3-16-11 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

Hundreds rallied at the Indiana statehouse Monday to support same-sex marriage in Indiana. But today, a few major corporations went to the statehouse to talk to lawmakers about plans for a permanent ban on same sex marriage. Representatives from Cummins and Eli Lilly spoke out against the marriage amendment in a state Senate committee this morning. They say it sends a message of intolerance.

**3-23-11 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast - Duration 1:45)**

The balance between architectural conservation and homeowners' rights is discussed in West Lafayette as the city considers a historic preservation ordinance. NewsChannel 18's Niccole Caan explains.

**3-24-11 (Story aired during 6 o'clock broadcast – Duration :50)**

The fifth edition of the Diversity Roundtable Summit was held today in Lafayette. Professionals from the Greater Lafayette area and all walks of life came together to discuss the diversity climate in the community. The goal of the summit is to work toward inclusion by encouraging access, equality, and respect for all.

## **EDUCATION**

Education continued to be a hot-button topic in the first quarter of 2011. Departments area-wide continued to deal with fewer teachers and administrators. Also in the first quarter parents go back to school to get a refresher course on a new style teaching math. We found out if they made the grade.

**1-12-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

The T-S-C has joined forces with the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department to create a School Resource Officer. Greg Haltom will become a familiar face to students. He's been with the Sheriff's Department since 1996. As the school resource officer, he'll be working with all schools in the corporation to provide a safe school environment, conduct investigations, and coordinate security staff.

**1-19-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

Administrators from three area school corporations got together yesterday to address concerns they have with the current education system. They say despite negativity surrounding schools with budget cuts and teacher layoffs, the successes still outweigh the negatives. Aaron Leedy reports.

**1-20-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast - Duration :50)**

The Riley Children's Foundation has named a Lafayette woman as its top fundraiser. Robin Bellinger is the Chief Development Officer for the Foundation. She has been fundraising for more than 30 years and previously worked for Purdue University. Bellinger will raise money for clinical programs, research, and patient family support.

**1-20-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

Students at Purdue University could one day have their hands on one of the biggest research tools in the world when it comes to energy efficiency. A 60 turbine wind farm has been proposed and trustees are weighing the option. The turbines could be installed near Purdue's Animal Science Research and Education Center about 10 miles northwest of campus.

**1-24-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

The Lafayette School Corporation reviews the district's dress code and Oakland High School prepares to open. News Channel 18's Nicole Caan reports.

**1-23-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast – Duration :40)**

A bill that would allow private businesses and universities to start charter schools is set for discussion this legislative session. The bill would still give public school funds to all charter schools...even those run by private businesses and universities. Democratic state Representative Sheila Klinker says this bill is something the education committee and General Assembly will have to consider carefully.

**1-31-11 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

After the Tippecanoe School Corporation adopted the Singapore math program this year....a group of parents met this weekend to try to understand how they can help their kids with their homework. Alexandra Deiro explains what the Singapore approach is.

**2-23-11 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration :50)**

A local organization wants your donation...even if it's just pennies. A fundraising effort for Lafayette Family Services is a little short of its goal at the halfway point. It's all part of a countywide effort called "Penny Harvest." Add them all up and 35 local business and schools, like Earhart Elementary School in Lafayette have chipped in. Earhart's goal is to raise 500 pounds of pennies - kindergarten through 5th grade.

**2-23-11 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast - Duration :40)**

Nearly 150 people turned up to discuss the education reform topic at the Logansport High School auditorium last night. Craig Blume with the Indiana State Teachers' Association, was one of the main speakers at the meeting. He broke down each piece of education legislation bill by bill. Blume says the governor and the state superintendent aren't really listening to those who are pro public education.

**2-23-11 (Story aired during 11 o'clock broadcast – Duration 1:50)**

The West Lafayette Community School Corporation looks at what a proposed budget cut would mean for students. Plus, what the district is doing about mistakes on the I-STEP test.

**2-24-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :50)**

McCutcheon girls basketball will be competing in this weekend's Class 4-A Semi-State round. When the Lady Mavericks take on Penn at approximately six p.m. in Warsaw.

**2-26-11 (Story aired during Noon broadcast - Duration 1:10)**

Local teachers hope to make their voices heard about legislation in Indianapolis. Kristin around ten this morning the parking lot here at Happy Hollow Elementary school was filled with hundreds of teachers, students, parents, even legislators rallying against some of the bills making their way through the State House.

**2-27-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

The Tippecanoe County School Corporation has reached an agreement with its teachers that's expected to be ratified tomorrow night. One TSC teacher says the contract changes made will have a negative effect on curriculums in elementary education. Hershey Elementary School music teacher Janice Partlow says the specials class like music, art and P.E. will no longer be protected by contract if this new agreement is ratified.

**3-25-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

Wainwright Middle School invited the Purdue ROTC to school today so it could hand over all the supplies it collected for care packages for wounded soldiers this week. More than 500 personal care items and food was brought in by students. The care packages will be sent to an army support hospital in Iraq.

**3-30-11 (Story aired during Noon broadcast - Duration 1:00)**

A weekly book exchange program is giving thousands of new books to Tippecanoe County children. Every week the Book Cycle gives kids in the Tippecanoe County Childcare and Head Start Centers, a chance to pick out a brand new book. Every child gets two new books at the beginning of the school year.

## **TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE**

Infrastructure in the NewsChannel 18 viewing area took a turn for the better in the first quarter. A fitness facility in Lafayette continued to renovate and an aluminum recycling facility decided to set up shop in the area with 435,000 square foot facility. NewsChannel 18 also highlighted other area businesses deciding to break ground at the old K-Mart Shopping Center.

**1-3-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

Restoring Tippecanoe County Courthouse windows rather than replacing them is expected to cost about 850-thousand dollars. Replacing every window in the courthouse would cost about 1.6 million dollars. Restoring the windows already in place would cut that nearly in half. Commissioner Tom Murtaugh says vinyl windows are not practical due to the historical status of the property.

**1-11-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast - Duration 2:00)**

The Lafayette Life Insurance Company has been in Lafayette for 105 years. But on Tuesday the company announced it will be leaving Tippecanoe County, relocating to Cincinnati, Ohio. News Channel 18's Kristin Maiorano reports.

**1-12-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration :55)**

It is a new year and a new look for a Lafayette fitness center. Originally opened in 1988 as Newtowne Health and Fitness, the club at Sagamore and Union was purchased last year, and a multi-million dollar renovation project commenced. Club NewTone has new equipment and a new locker room. It will soon have a salon, cafe, and community room.

**1-17-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

Months after a company promises to bring 600 jobs to the area, more than 100 of those positions are still not filled. Site director Phil Sanchez says the company is actively recruiting in a variety of different ways. He says one of the biggest recruiting tools is Ryla's digital marquee.

**1-18-11 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

People who exercise on the Celery Bog trail are being reminded to stay away from the Lindberg Bridge construction project. Numerous signs reminding people the trail is closed have been put up, but that still hasn't stopped people from trying to cross the Celery Bog. Tippecanoe County Highway Director Opal Kuhl reminds people it is dangerous area.

**1-27-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :40)**

Global demand for construction and mining equipment helped Caterpillar more than quadruple its fourth-quarter profits. CAT is reporting nearly 970-million dollars in profits for the last three months of 2010. The company's fourth quarter revenue was up 62-percent...to 12.8 billion dollars. "2010 was a good year," according to the company's chairman. He says CAT's workforce grew by 19-thousand last year.

**1-28-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :35)**

A large church could soon expand into West Lafayette. Construction equipment and dumpsters are on the site of the former Smitty's grocery store on Northwestern Avenue. West Lafayette Development Director Chandler Poole says the sale of the building has not been finalized. He declined to identify the interested party.

**2-7-11 (Story aired during 11 pm broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

It may not be snowing...but snow plow crews are still tackling the leftover mess. Workers from the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette were out in full force yesterday. Alexandra Deiro has the story.

**2-9-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast – Duration :45)**

Construction of the Tippecanoe County 4-H Fairgrounds' new cattle barn got underway yesterday. The new structure will be 130 feet by 150 feet and provide nearly 20-thousand square feet of space. The price tag for the total cost of the project is just under 3-hundred-thousand dollars. Construction is expected to be complete before the fair this summer.

**2-16-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :50)**

You will soon see some new businesses at the old K-mart building site in West Lafayette. Golden Paws Investments developer Alan White says four of the five commercial lots in Wabash Commons should be filled. A car wash, bank and medical office building are slated to open there. Construction on the buildings should begin in mid-March.

**2-18-11 (Story aired during Noon broadcast – Duration :45)**

Cold weather conditions are to blame for continued construction problems on Salisbury Street in West Lafayette. Parts of the south bound lane on Salisbury are still closed after an emergency sewer break last week. West Lafayette City Engineer Dave Buck says the concrete isn't mixing well and it's taking longer to lay down because the ground is so cold. He says the concrete isn't strong enough to hold up to traffic...so a temporary metal plate might be put over the work.

**2-16-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:10)**

A company is choosing Lafayette to build its first ever U-S facility. Lafayette is welcoming Nanshan America Advanced Aluminum Technology. The site at U-S 52 and Veterans Memorial Parkway is where the nearly 435,000 square foot facility will be built.

**3-9-11 (Story aired during Morning broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

Construction is picking up, and a lot of progress is being made in Mackey Arena's renovations. Employees in the athletic department, will move into new offices and the sports medicine area will be finished by the first of April. Assistant Athletic Director of Communication Tom Schott says the original design of the renovations came from students on Purdue's campus.

**3-17-11 (Story aired during Noon broadcast – Duration 1:30)**

While Purdue students are away on Spring Break, construction crews have been hard at work on the former Co-Rec project. The original recreation center was built back in 1957 and is in the process of being torn down. A state-of-the-art, 98-million-dollar facility will take its place in the fall of 2012.

**3-18-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration :45)**

Purdue students have joined with an artist to create a giant piece of art made of black willow. Over the last week, students have helped in the construction of the piece. First, they gathered the limbs and saplings. Then, they dug 80 holes and placed the sticks in the ground. From there they have added hundreds more sticks to the design. Visiting artist Patrick Dougherty came up with a snake-like design inspired by Native American mounds.

**3-23-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast - Duration 1:00)**

More orange cones will be coming this Spring to different parts of Tippecanoe County. Drivers should expect six county projects to be in progress this Spring, including here at Lindberg bridge in West Lafayette. Tippecanoe County Highway Department Executive Director Opal Kuhl says the Lindberg project is on the fast track to be completed this August. Kuhl says they are using county bridge funds to pay for the construction on Lindberg. Kuhl says the project is on schedule.

**3-23-11 (Story aired during 6 pm broadcast – Duration 1:00)**

A Clinton County family business looks to reopen this spring after being destroyed during the winter by fire. This Old Farm Organic meat processing plant wants to be operational by June. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro checked in with the owners to see how re-building efforts are going.

**3-28-11 (Story aired during 5 pm broadcast - Duration :40)**

Another road construction project may slow you down around Lafayette. INDOT has announced traffic will be reduced to one lane on US 52 near Greenbush and Duncan Streets. This project is scheduled to be completed in August of 2012.